

BATTLE INFORMATION CHECKLIST

NAME OF BATTLE _____

CAMPAIGN _____

DATE(S) _____

DURATION OF ENGAGEMENT _____

INTENSITY OF ENGAGEMENT (check all that apply)

- ☐ Maneuver (feinting, marching, shifting for position)
- ☐ Surprise attack (enemy overrun, routed)
- ☐ Artillery employed
- ☐ Skirmishing (sharpshooters, sporadic firing)
- ☐ Battle lines advanced (volleys exchanged)
- ☐ Determined assault (battle lines advanced to close range)
- ☐ Repeated attacks (repulsed and renewed, counterattacks)
- ☐ Lines intermingled (attack pierced defense, hand-to hand)
- ☐ Sustained hand-to-hand fighting
- ☐ Investment and siege
- ☐ Routed enemy pursued

PRINCIPAL MILITARY (USA) _____

LEADERS PRESENT (Opponent) _____

PRINCIPAL MILITARY (USA) _____

UNITS INVOLVED (Opponent) _____

NUMBERS OF TROOPS PRESENT (USA) _____ (Opponent) _____

NUMBERS OF KILLED/WOUNDED (USA) _____ (Opponent) _____

NUMBERS OF CAPTURED/MISSING (USA) _____ (Opponent) _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE ENGAGEMENT (or attached)

SIGNIFICANCE OF ENGAGEMENT IN CONTEXT OF CAMPAIGN/WAR (or attached)

**AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM
BATTLEFIELD SURVEY FORM**

Name of Battlefield:

Other Names:

Beginning Date of Battle:

Ending Date of Battle:

War:

Campaign:

State:

County/City:

USGS Quadrangle Map(s):

Geographical Relationship to Nearest Main Road Intersection or Town:

Name Any Additional Battles Fought on This Site:

BATTLEFIELD RESEARCHER (Person Completing Form)

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone/Email _____

LOCAL CONTACT (Person Who Can Update Changing Battlefield Conditions)

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone/Email _____

PARK OR COMMEMORATIVE AREA AT THE SITE (or None)

Name _____ Size of Park (Acres) _____

Superintendent/Site Manager _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone/Email _____

Is there a Visitor Center at the Site ? **Yes No**

Does the Park Interpret the Battle? **Yes No**

Site Name _____ Date Surveyed ____ - ____ - ____ Surveyor _____

BATTLEFIELD FRIENDS OR SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SITE (or None)

Group Name _____

Group Contact _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone/Email _____

For multiple Friends or Support Groups, please attach additional sheets.

BATTLEFIELD REGISTRATION

National Historic Landmark? **Yes No** National Register? **Yes No** Register Number _____

Determined Eligible for National Register (DOE)? **Yes No** State Register? **Yes No**

Local Listing? **Yes No** Type of Listing _____

Are contributing sites, structures, or other resources listed? Explain:

CERTAINTY OF BATTLEFIELD LOCATION

Do surface remains such as buildings, structures, ruins, objects, natural features, or other physical evidence survive and indicate the site location precisely? **Yes No**

Does documentary evidence (such as period maps) testify conclusively to location? **Yes No**
(Please attach copies of sources if applicable.)

Does identification rely primarily on local tradition and/or testimony of local collectors? **Yes No**
(If yes, please be sure to include these local contacts on the sources sheet.)

Is the selected site one of other possible locations for the battlefield? **Yes No**

Is an archeological assessment needed before the site can be located? **Yes No**

CURRENT LAND USE (Percentage of Land Use in Core Area)

☐ On-site assessment of percentages ☐ Local planning office data used for percentages

____% Forest

____% Industrial

____% Open Space (non-agricultural)

____% Commercial

____% Agricultural (field, pasture, woodlot)

____% Waste (dump/quarry)

____% Commercial farming (feedlot)

____% Highway/railroad

____% Water (lake, river)

____% Cemetery

____% Urban

____% Other

____% Residential

Describe Other:

Site Name _____ Date Surveyed ____ - ____ - ____ Surveyor _____

BATTLEFIELD FEATURES INVENTORY (Check All That Apply and tally total number of each)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Historic Buildings/Structures _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Structure Sites/Ruins _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Roads/Road Traces _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Features _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Fences _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Known Archeological Sites _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Possible Unmarked Burials _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthen Fortifications _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry Fortifications _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monuments _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Signs/Markers _____ |

Describe manmade or terrain features that should be considered part of the inventory:

VISUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Which Landscape Elements Contribute to the Interpretation of Events?

Which Landscape Elements Detract from the Interpretation of Events?

RATE OVERALL CONDITION OF BATTLEFIELD LANDSCAPE

- ☐ Land use is little changed since the period of significance.
- ☐ Portions of landscape have been altered, but most essential features remain.
- ☐ Much of the landscape has been altered and fragmented, leaving some essential features.
- ☐ Landscape and terrain have been altered beyond recognition since the period of significance.

THREATS TO SITE INTEGRITY

Rate of Land Use Change in the Vicinity within Last Ten Years

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Steady Change Appears to be Accelerating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid, Large-scale Growth or Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slow, Steady Change | |

Type of Land Use Change Occurring (Check All That Apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Building/Impoundment | <input type="checkbox"/> Strip Commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarrying/Strip Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Retail Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Subdivisions | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Agricultural Buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School/Church/Institution | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear-cut Logging |

Other:

Describe Immediate Threats to the Site's Integrity (within next few years)

Describe Long-term Threats to the Site's Integrity (within ten years)

LOCAL PLANNING

County/City has Comprehensive Land Use Plan? **Yes No** County/City Uses Zoning? **Yes No**

Describe Comprehensive Plan Recommendation for Battlefield and Vicinity (if applicable):

Describe Current Zoning of Battlefield and Adjacent Areas (if applicable):

BATTLEFIELD OWNERS

_____% Private
 _____% Private/Non-Profit
 _____% Local Government
 _____% State
 _____% Federal

Identify Federal, State, Local Agency Owners and Private Non-Profit Owners:

BATTLEFIELD BOUNDARY

Three distinct battlefield areas should be delineated on the survey map. The **Study Area Boundary** should include all land over which combatants maneuvered after initial contact was made, regardless of current integrity. The **Core Area Boundary** should contain critical land where fighting occurred and casualties were incurred, regardless of current integrity. The **Potential National Register (PotNR) Boundary** should contain that portion of the Study and Core Areas that remain after parcels of lost integrity are subtracted. The PotNR Boundary will be considered the present-day boundary of the battlefield.

Describe the PotNR Boundary:

Justify Demarcation of the PotNR Boundary:

SOURCES SHEET

Battle: _____ Page No.____ of ____

Source No.	Source

Form Completed by: _____ Date _____

BATTLEFIELD DEFINING FEATURES

Battlefield: _____ **Page No.** ____ **of** ____

Defining Features: sites, natural features, and place names found in battle descriptions or shown on historic maps that can be used to locate significant actions and events in the field. To save space, enter sources number(s) here from the accompanying SOURCES SHEET.

Name of Feature	Relevance to Battle	Source(s)	Field Comment	On Map?

Form Completed by: _____ **Date:** _____

ABPP BATTLEFIELD SURVEY
PHOTO LOG

Battlefield: _____

Page ____ of ____

Slides Prints Roll # _____ Date _____

Exposure	Panorama	Subject	Direction

Photos by: _____

Date: _____

ORDER of BATTLE Army _____
 Commanding Officer _____

Location _____
 Dates _____

Construct an Order of Battle for your units. If you have a specific report or account from the a unit, check the box.

Corps		Division		Brigade		Regiment		Note